

ATTACHMENT 10

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June 16, 2005

Ms. Nora I. Kohlenberg
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182

RE: Environmental Review – Whetstone Sportsman & Conservation Club Range, Grant County

Dear Ms. Kohlenberg,

We have reviewed the site for the above project.

The site does contain map units designated as prime farmland. We have completed Parts I through 5 of the enclosed AD-1006, Farmland Conversion Impact Rating form. Please finish completing Parts VI and VII of the form. If the TOTAL POINTS in Section VII are less than 160, then there is no significant impact to prime or important farmland in the county, and no alternatives need be considered.

Please return a copy of the completed form to this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Schaar".

JEROME M. SCHAAR
State Soil Scientist

Enclosure

cc: Dale Johnson, DC, NRCS, Milbank FO



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FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request <u>5/16/05</u>	
Name Of Project <u>Whetstone Sportsman & Conservation Club Range</u>		Federal Agency Involved <u>US Fish and Wildlife Service</u>	
Proposed Land Use <u>Trap Range</u>		County And State <u>Grant County, South Dakota</u>	
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS <u>5/20/2005</u>	
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply — do not complete additional parts of this form).		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Major Crop(s) <u>CORN</u>		Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: <u>262,845</u> % <u>60</u>	Acres Irrigated <u>639</u> Average Farm Size
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <u>SD DEPT OF REVENUE</u>		Name Of Local Site Assessment System <u>NONE</u>	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <u>262,845</u> % <u>60</u>
		Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS <u>5/16/2005</u>	
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating	
		Site A	Site B
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		6.0	
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly			
C. Total Acres In Site		6.0	0.0
			0.0
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information			
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		6	
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland		-	
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		.0001	
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		40	
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion			
Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)		83	0
			0
			0
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)			
Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))	Maximum Points		
1. Area In Nonurban Use	15	15	
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use	10	10	
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed	20	16	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0	
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area	15	15	
6. Distance To Urban Support Services	15	10	
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	0	
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	10	0	
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5	
10. On-Farm Investments	20	1	
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	10	0	
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	1	
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	73	0
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)			
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	83	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	73	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	156	0
Site Selected: <u>A</u>		Date Of Selection <u>7/5/05</u>	
Reason For Selection:		Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	